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VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL

Dr. Brown,

I am requesting that you remove the Orillia Road site from consideration for the siting of a Secure Community Transition Facility (SCTF) to house sexual offenders. It has come to my attention that a school bus stop operated by the Kent school district and a day care center are within "line of sight" of the property at South 200th Street and Orillia Road. This is in violation of the state statute that forbids siting of SCTFs within "line of sight" of risk potential facilities, including school bus stops and day care centers.

I received a letter last week from Kent school district officials alerting me to the school bus stop the district currently operates. This preexisting bus stop is one of many in the Kent school district that vary in operation to adjust to the needs of school children. School district officials inform me that the district routinely evaluates the transportation needs of residential areas within its boundaries as well as safety concerns for individual bus stops. Necessary adjustments are then made to ensure that Kent school children have safe and reliable modes of transportation to and from school.

De De's Day Care Center has been licensed since 1984 and is located at 20449 Frager Road in Kent. The day care center is just across an open field from the proposed Orillia Road property, where children playing outside could be easily distinguished.

I am confident that together, along with County Executive Ron Sims and Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer, we can find an alternative site for Secure Community Transition Facilities – away from schools, day cares, parks and school bus stops.

I look forward to working with you to find a more appropriate site for these facilities.

